

In the Claims

Applicants submit herewith a marked-up version of the claims.

Please amend claims 1, 18, 32, and 50 as shown on the marked-up versions of the claims. The remaining claims are unchanged.

The submitted marked-up version of the claims follows standard amendment rules, wherein added text has been underlined and deleted text has been bracketed.

Remarks to Amended Claims

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 18, 32, and 50 to indicate that in the respective device there is at least a plurality of apertures at the proximal end of the device. Additionally, the independent claims have been amended to indicate that the occlusion-resistant materials are released internally from the elongated conduit.

Support for a device having at least a plurality of apertures at the proximal end of the device can be found on page 10, second full paragraph through the finishing paragraph on page 12. Additionally, figures 2-6 show a plurality of apertures found in the proximal end of the device. Further, the previous cited discussion and figures all show the occlusion-resistant materials released internally from the elongated conduit.